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SUBJECT: RESEARCH VESSEL CLEARANCE REQUESTS

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1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS ON HANDLING GOI CLEARANCE OF US RESEARCH VESSEL IN INDIAN WATERS WERE OUTLINED IN 77, NEW DELHI 3454. THIS STILL HOLDS GOOD.

2. OCEANOGRAPHY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A PRIORITY AREA FOR JOINT COLLABORATION UNDER THE JOINT INDO-US SUBCOMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. CONSEQUENTLY A JOINT WORKSHOP ON OCEANOGRAPHY IS PROPOSED TO BE HELD TENTATIVELY IN SEPTEMBER 1978 IN INDIA. OBJECTIVE IS TO IDENTIFY FRUITFUL AREAS OF COOPERATION IN MARINE SCIENCES AND TO FORMULATE OUTLINES OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR COOPERATION. THE FOLLOWING AREAS HAVE CURRENTLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS OF PRIMARY INTEREST:

(I) GEOPHYSICAL AND GEOLOGICAL PHENOMENA ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT TECTONIC PLATE.

(II) GEOLOGIC EFFECTS OF THE SEDIMENTARY LOAD ON THE BAY OF BENGAL THROUGH THE GANGES, BRAHMAPUTRA AND MEGHNA RIVERS.

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(III) INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE MONSOON AND OCEAN CIRCULATION AND WATER CHARACTERISTICS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

(IV) CHEMICAL TRACES IN THE OCEAN.

(V) BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTIVITY OF INDIAN OFFSHORE WATERS, INCLUDING

WATERS OF THE 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE.

3. OUR SUGGESTION IS THAT OCEANOGRAPHIC SHIP CRUISES SHOULD
PREFERABLY FORM PART OF THESE JOINT STUDIES TO FACILITATE GOI
APPROVAL. IN ANY CASE THE WHOLE QUESTION OF THESE CRUISES CAN
BE BROUGHT UP AT THE WORKSHOP. WE SUGGEST THAT THE AMERICAN
DELEGATION TRY TO REACH SOME UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GOI FOR
SPEEDIER CLEARANCES ON THESE CRUISES.

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